

Section 3. Amendments to the Claims

Please amend the claims 3-34 as set out below in the listing of claims 1-34 of the application:

1. (Original) A saw blade support that can be located on the blade of a saw to reduce flexing of the blade in use, at least part of the support being removable from the blade to facilitate the penetration of the blade into an article being sawn.
2. (Original) A saw comprising a saw blade and a saw blade support that can be located on the blade to reduce flexing of the blade in use, at least part of the support being removable from the blade to facilitate the penetration of the blade into an article being sawn.
3. (Currently amended) A ~~support or~~ saw according to ~~claim 1 or~~ claim 2, in which the saw further comprises a handle to which the blade is attached.
4. (Currently amended) A ~~support or~~ saw according to ~~any preceding~~ claim 2, the saw comprising a handsaw.
5. (Currently amended) A ~~support or~~ saw according to ~~any preceding~~ claim 2, the saw comprising a powered saw in which the saw blade performs a reciprocating motion in use.
6. (Currently amended) A ~~support or~~ saw according to claim 5, the saw further comprising a main body containing a motor that powers the saw blade.
7. (Currently amended) A support ~~or saw~~ according to ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, in which the support includes attachment means by which the support is attached or attachable to the saw.
8. (Currently amended) A support ~~or saw~~ according to claim 1 ~~when dependent upon claim 3 or claim 6~~, in which (i) the saw further comprises a handle to which the blade is attached or attachable, and the support is attached or attachable to the handle and/or (ii) the saw further comprises a main body containing a motor that powers the saw blade, and the support is attached or attachable to the main body and/or (iii) the support is attached or attachable to the blade, of the saw.

9. (Currently amended) A support ~~or saw~~ according to claim 1 ~~7 or claim 8~~, in which the support is pivotably attached or attachable to the saw.

10. (Currently amended) A support ~~or saw~~ according to claim 9, in which the removal of at least part of the support from the blade to facilitate the penetration of the blade into an article being sawn comprises pivoting of the support with respect to the blade.

11. (Currently amended) A support ~~or saw~~ according to claim 10, in which the support is pivotable with respect to the blade such that as the blade penetrates into an article being sawn in use, the support rests on the article.

12. (Currently amended) A support ~~or saw~~ according to claim 9 ~~any one of claims 9 to 11~~, in which the support pivots from the handle or main body of the saw, or from an end region of the blade adjacent to the handle or main body.

13. (Currently amended) A support ~~or saw~~ according to claim 9 ~~any one of claims 9 to 12~~, in which the support may be fixed in an orientation with respect to the blade in which at least part of the support is removed from the blade and/or in which the entire support is located on the blade.

14. (Currently amended) A support ~~or saw~~ according to ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, in which part of the support may remain located on the blade to support the blade in use while another part of the support is removed from the blade to facilitate the penetration of the blade into an article being sawn.

15. (Currently amended) A support ~~or saw~~ according to claim 9 ~~or any claim dependent thereon~~, in which the support includes a plurality of pivots such that sections of the support may pivot with respect to the blade.

16. (Currently amended) A support ~~or saw~~ according to claim 9 ~~or any claim dependent thereon~~, in which the support comprises a plurality of parts pivotable from ~~the~~ a same pivot point, each part having a different length to that of the (or each) other part.

17. (Currently amended) A support ~~or saw~~ according to claim 9 ~~or any claim dependent thereon~~, in which the support is pivotably attached or attachable to the saw by means of a flexible portion by which the support may pivot with respect to the saw blade.

18. (Currently amended) A support ~~or saw~~ according to claim 9 ~~or any claim dependent thereon~~, in which the support is pivotably attachable to the saw at any of a plurality of pivot points situated on the saw.

19. (Currently amended) A support ~~or saw~~ according to ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, in which the support includes support means that supports the blade in use, thereby reducing flexing of the blade.

20. (Currently amended) A support ~~or saw~~ according to claim 19, in which the support means comprises a pair of spaced apart sidewalls defining a slot in which a longitudinal edge of the blade is contained when the support is located on the blade.

21. (Currently amended) A support ~~or saw~~ according to claim 20, in which the longitudinal edge of the blade is a tight fit in the slot.

22. (Currently amended) A support ~~or saw~~ according to claim 20 ~~or claim 21~~, in which the slot includes one or more ribs that support the blade when the support is located on the blade.

23. (Currently amended) A support ~~or saw~~ according to claim 19, in which the support means comprises one or more elongate members arranged to be located on the blade by extending along one or both opposite faces of at least part of the length of the blade.

24. (Currently amended) A support ~~or saw~~ according to claim 19 ~~or any claim dependent thereon~~, in which the support means comprises a framework.

25. (Currently amended) A support ~~or saw~~ according to ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, in which the support is locatable on the blade by means of a magnetic attachment to the blade and/or by means of one or more clips.

26. (Currently amended) A ~~support or~~ saw according to claim 5 or any claim dependent thereon, in which the support includes friction-reducing means to allow a smooth reciprocating motion by the blade with respect to the support.

27. (Currently amended) A ~~support or~~ saw according to any preceding claim 2, in which the blade of the saw has two cutting edges, the cutting edges being provided on opposite longitudinal edges of the blade, the support being locatable on either cutting edge of the blade in order to support the blade while the other cutting edge of the blade is used to saw an article.

28. (Currently amended) A support or saw according to any preceding claim 1, in which the support includes one or more sawdust vent apertures.

29. (Currently amended) A support or saw according to any preceding claim 1, including a resilient part by which the support is biased to be located on the blade of the saw in use.

30. (Currently amended) A ~~support or~~ saw substantially as hereinbefore described and/or substantially as illustrated in the accompanying figures according to claim 2, including a resilient part by which the support is biased to be located on the blade of the saw in use.

31. (Currently amended) A kit of parts comprising a plurality of saw blade supports, wherein each saw blade support can be located on the blade of a saw to reduce flexing of the blade in use, at least part of the support being removable from the blade to facilitate the penetration of the blade into an article being sawn according to claim 1 or any one of claims 3 to 30.

32. (Currently amended) A kit according to claim 31, further comprising a saw comprising a saw blade on which at least one (preferably only one) of the saw blade supports at a time may be located.

33. (Currently amended) A kit according to claim 31 or claim 32, in which each of the saw blade supports is different from others in the kit to the (or each) other support.

34. (Currently amended) A kit according to claim 31 any one of the claims 31 to 33, in which each support has a different length from others in the kit to that of the (or each) other support.